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1. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT DECIDED APRIL 1 TO IMPOSE ITS UNILATERAL FISHERY CONSERVATION MEASURES EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT APRIL 10. THE IMPOSITION OF THESE UNILATERAL MEASURES (REFTEL) HAD BEEN TWICE POSTPONED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH
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IRELAND'S EC PARTNERS ON FISHERY POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION FOLLOWS THE FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS THE WEEK BEFORE.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT MEETING IN WHICH THE DECISION WAS TAKEN, THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE GOVERNMENT AT ITS MEETING THIS MORNING DECIDED

(A) TO RETAIN AND TO ENFORCE ITS UNILATERAL MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES, AND
(B) TO INVITE AT THE SAME TIME MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TO SUBMIT FISHING PLANS TO THE IRISH GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL WITH A VIEW TO THE INTRODUCTION LATER OF A SCHEME BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE LINES RECENTLY PROPOSED AS THE BASIS OF A COMMUNITY MEASURE BY THE COMMISSION.
THE UNILATERAL MEASURES WERE PRESCRIBED IN ORDERS MADE BY THE MINISTER FOR FISHERIES ON 16TH FEBRUARY 1977, AND WERE TO COME INTO OPERATION ON 1ST MARCH. THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURES WAS DEFERRED AT THE REQUEST OF THE EEC COMMISSION TO GIVE THE COMMISSION AN OPPORTUNITY OF BRINGING FORWARD ACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERIM FISHERY REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS."

3. THE GOI IS NOW IN THE AWKWARD POSITION OF DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH BRUSSELS OVER FISHERIES POLICY. THE BANNING OF BOATS OF 110 FEET IN LENGTH IS HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS, PARTICULARLY AS FAR AS THE FRENCH, DUTCH AND BELGIANS ARE CONCERNED. THE GOI HAD, IN EFFECT, PAINTED ITSELF INTO A CO #
SARAKING#OVERLY GENEROUS PROMISES TO
LOCAL FISHING INTERESTS. THOSE INTERESTS ARE BOTH VOCAL AND MODERATELY WELL ORGANISED AND THEY WERE IN NO MOOD TO NEGOTIATE THE PROMISES THE GOI HAD MADE REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF IRISH FISHING INTERESTS. THE FACT THERE MAY BE ELECTIONS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE AND
PROBABLY INFLUENCED THE GOI'S DECISION. A
CONFRONTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY IS NOT LIKELY TO COST THE COALITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANY VOTES BUT FAILURE TO PROTECT "VITAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS" MOST CERTAINLY WOULD.

4. THE NEXT PROBLEM, OF COURSE, WILL BE THAT OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNILATERAL MEASURES. THE IRISH NAVY IS WOEFULLY ILL-EQUIPPED TO PATROL SUCH A LARGE AREA AND IT WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO AUGMENT ITS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT IF THE TASK IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. CURLEY

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